

AT LEAST FIFTY KILLED

Boiler Explodes on Gunboat Bennington

MORE THAN 200 WOUNDED

Worst Disaster to Navy Since Sinking of Maine—Accident Occurred in Harbor of San Diego, Calif.

San Diego, Cal., July 22.—One of the most frightful disasters in the history of the American navy, excepting the sinking of the Maine in Havana harbor, occurred in the San Diego harbor at 10:30 a. m., yesterday, on board the United States gunboat Bennington.

At a moment when the warship, lying at anchor and with her officers and crew quietly attending to their duties of making preparations for getting under way, was the object of interest to hundreds of people observing her on piers, pleasure boats and passing ferryboats, a cloud of steam burst suddenly from a point just forward of the smokestack, out of which the spectators were horrified to see bodies and human fragments hurled high in the air and scattered over the surrounding water.

The outburst was accompanied by a roar as of thunder and a shock that rocked vessels near by.

In an instant the air was filled with shrieks of pain from the wounded, which could be heard ashore, and with flying fragments of human beings and pieces of the ship's superstructure. The next moment bleeding sailors were fighting, crippled, in the water against death in only a less sudden form than that from which they had escaped, while row-boats, sailboats, launches and tugs were being driven to the rescue as fast as arms, wind and steam could carry them.

A ferryboat, which was passing near by, turned and hastened to render assistance, her own deck crowded with frightened men and women who saw the havoc that had been wrought in a twinkling.

A most horrible sight met those who approached. In the water men with blackened faces were struggling, handicapped by injuries; others on deck were covered with blood and grime, some dead, some wounded frightfully, others working to rescue comrades who were yet below.

The smaller boats turned their attention to those in the water, taking them to wharves as fast as a few had been taken aboard the small craft. At the wharves preparations were speedily made for taking care of the injured in what by this time was seen to be a disaster of awful proportions.

Ambulances were telephoned for, express wagons and drivers who could be reached by telephone were summoned, physicians were notified and hospitals informed.

Within half an hour from the time of the explosion carriages, buggies, automobiles and street cars were bearing burdens of victims toward the hospital. The sight which met the eyes of hundreds along the street was one never to be forgotten.

Wagons with a dozen wounded men were not rare. One had eight sitting or reclining against the sides, holding in their laps the heads of comrades near to death, all of them with faces black from smoke and grime and many clothed in nothing but trousers.

Some of those whose bodies were bare, not injured in vital parts, but suffering the agonies of torn flesh, sat up with

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lacerated bodies exposed to the wind. It is believed that at least 50 men have been killed.

There were on board at the time of the explosion 275 men.

As a result of the explosion a section of the upper deck was carried away from stem to stern. The ship was beached.

Capt. Young, who was ashore at the time of the accident, has telegraphed the navy department, giving the facts so far as known at the present time.

The Bennington had been ordered to proceed at once to Port Harford and tow the Wyoming to Mare Island.

COMMANDER YOUNG'S REPORT.

Official Statement of Accident Received at Washington.

Washington, July 22.—The following official report from Commander Young was received at the navy department last night:

San Diego, Cal., July 21.—At 10:15 this morning while making preparations for getting under way with all hands at their stations, the top of the lower furnace boiler exploded, forcing the boiler astern in contact with boiler D, which was also forced astern and exploded with the following casualties:

Dead: J. Newcomb, boatswain's mate, 2nd class; B. A. Hughes, ordinary seaman; G. Brownlee, seaman; B. Bendall, fireman, 2nd class; W. W. Wright, coal passer; C. Haggleheim, coal passer; E. O. Dresch, ordinary seaman; W. N. Parrish, coal passer; M. G. Quinn, oiler; J. L. Burns, seaman; W. Cherry, coal passer; F. J. Geiss, coal passer; C. J. Kunz, coal passer. Seven unidentified on the short and seven on board unidentified.

Seriously injured: Lieut. N. M. Perry; H. P. Sanders, apprentice seaman; W. Fick Weller, seaman; J. Hunt, boiler; J. A. Ezell, ship's cook, 4th class; B. Ferguson, chief machinist's mate; R. A. House, apprentice seaman; A. H. Chroge, seaman; S. A. Tolley, chief gunner's mate; F. A. Brown, machinist's mate, 1st class; E. J. Meaney, fireman, 1st class; G. C. Schultz, coal passer; P. Carpenter, ordinary seaman; W. S. Schacklette, hospital steward; C. T. Clark, chief machinist's mate; M. C. Chambers, seaman; Ensign Salms, hand badly burned.

Several are supposed to be blown overboard and drowned. The vessel listed considerably to starboard, and commenced to settle immediately. I flooded the magazines and with the assistance of tugs I beached her. The wounded are in the different hospitals and every attention is being given them. Seven bodies were pinned behind the boilers and we are unable to identify them. The vessel is almost a total wreck and will need assistance. As soon as further particulars can be obtained will wire. I request that the department notify the nearest relatives.

Officers of the Bennington.

Washington, D. C., July 22.—The officers of the gunboat Bennington, the boiler of which exploded yesterday, are: Commander Lucien Young was appointed from Kentucky; Lieut. Alexander F. H. Yates was appointed from Maine; Ensign Charles I. Wade, appointed from New Jersey; Ensign Newman K. Perry; Midshipman Leo Salms was appointed from Iowa; Midshipman Lindsay H. Lacy, appointed from Texas; Asst. Surg. Allen E. Peck, appointed from California; Paymaster Charles Morris, Jr., appointed from Massachusetts; Pay Clerk H. C. Metus.

The Bennington a Steel Craft.

The Bennington is a steel twin screw gunboat, completed in 1891; three-masted, schooner rigged; 234 feet long, 14 feet draught; 1700 tons displacement, 3400 horsepower, 16 knots speed; 17 officers and 175 men. Armament, eight 5-inch breech loading rifle, two 6-pounder, two 3-pounder, and one 1-pounder rapid-fire guns; two 37-millimetre Hotchkiss revolving rifles and two Gatling guns.

The Bennington was one of the vessels that won a victory under Admiral Dewey in the battle of Manila Bay. She was a small but staunch ship and her crew was regarded as one of the best in the navy.

SCOLLINS GUILTY.

Boston Contractor Convicted of Bribing Juror in Teaming Fraud Cases.

Boston, July 22.—Thomas J. Scollins was found guilty of bribery of a juror at a former trial for teaming frauds.

The judge postponed sentence until 9:30 o'clock next Friday morning, so as to give Attorney Dewey an opportunity to perfect and file exceptions. The maximum penalty for the crime is five years in State prison.

Paid His Mother's Fine.

Mrs. Jennie Myers was arraigned in Burlington city court Wednesday morning on the charge of being intoxicated. She was good and drunk when arrested as the police testified, but she was inclined to be stubborn the next morning and pleaded not guilty. She declared she was not drunk at the time of her arrest, although she had "been drinking some." Persuasion was of no value, whatever, and the woman would have it no other way than a plea of not guilty. She was convicted and sentenced to pay a fine of \$5 and costs of \$17.55, the costs being increased of course because of the nature of the plea. She was returned to jail not knowing whether she could pay or not. She was fortunate in possessing the right kind of a son, a lad of 16 years of age, who is employed haying at Shelburne. He came up with the money he had been saving, paid the fine and costs and took his mother back home. Several advised him to let her stay in jail 10 days, but he was not that kind of a boy.

"GET A MOVE ON" SAID COLLINS

And His Men Moved Against the Clevelands

WHITEWASHING THEM

Strong Hitting of Champions Proved Too Much for the Indians Who Lost Yesterday's Game, 6 to 0.

Cleveland, July 22.—Collins told his men to "get a move on" yesterday afternoon, and the gentle hint was taken by the men. They won out from the home team and besides administered a coat of whitewash, by the score of six to nothing. Tannehill was sent by Collins against Bernhardt and he pitched excellent ball. The home team got eight hits, but they were not close enough together, while the visitors did some fine fielding stunts.

The Champions scored two runs in the third inning when Tannehill was given a pass, was sacrificed by Selbach and scored on Parent's single. Burkett walked and Collins brought Parent in with a single. A fielder's choice and Collins' double scored another in the eighth.

They ended up with three more in the ninth inning. Freeman singled, and Ferris was safe on a fielder's choice. Criger forced Ferris. Tannehill singled, and Freeman scored. Selbach singled and Criger scored. Parent forced Tannehill, but Selbach crossed the plate on Burkett's hit.

Yesterday's American League Scores.

At Cleveland—Boston 6, Cleveland 0. At Chicago—Chicago 2, New York 1. At St. Louis—St. Louis 3, Philadelphia 2, 13 innings.

At Detroit—Detroit 7, Washington 8.

American League Standing.

	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Cleveland	50	29	.646
Chicago	46	30	.605
Philadelphia	45	31	.593
Detroit	40	38	.513
Boston	35	40	.466
New York	34	40	.459
St. Louis	30	48	.385
Washington	26	50	.342

Yesterday's National League Games.

At Boston—Chicago 3, Boston 2. At New York—New York 14, St. Louis 2.

At Philadelphia—1st game, Philadelphia 5, Pittsburgh 1; 2nd game, Pittsburgh 7, Philadelphia 3.

At Brooklyn—Cincinnati 1, Brooklyn 1.

National League Standing.

	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
New York	59	23	.703
Pittsburgh	54	42	.628
Chicago	50	35	.588
Philadelphia	49	35	.583
Cincinnati	43	40	.518
St. Louis	31	55	.360
Boston	27	58	.315
Brooklyn	24	57	.296

MITCHELL WARNS.

Miner Leader Says Owners Are Ready to Resist.

Seranton, Pa., July 21.—John Mitchell, addressing the miners' district convention at Dunmore Wednesday, said: "Never have I felt more concerned about the mining situation than now. I don't know whether you fully realize what confronts you. On April 1, next year, every miner will be without a contract. Every miner will be in a position to demand what he wants. There will be no argument or board of arbitration to deter you.

"While we will have the liberty to make demands, the operators also will be free to make demands on us. There are external evidences they will do so. On every hand stockades and fences are being built. Places are being filled with every available pound of coal. They are not doing it for pleasure. Indications are that they are preparing to resist your demands or make demands on you. "If labor has suffered any wrongs, and God knows it has, it is your own fault, because until recently you have failed to defend yourselves. The operators are part of a system. Mr. Baer is no worse than his predecessors or the men who will succeed him."

PENSION ROLL DECREASING.

High Death Rate Among Civil War Veterans.

Topeka, Kas., July 22.—The Topeka pension agency, which handles the business of Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico, Indian Territory and Oklahoma, has 115,368 pensioners on the rolls, a net loss of 252 for the year. The total gross loss was 5,031, of which 4,506 were due to deaths. The number of Spanish War Veterans and of Civil War widows increased, but the rate of death of Civil War veterans is very high.

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CHARGED WITH BIGAMY.

Dayton E. Ashley, a former Waterbury Man, Said to Have Two Wives.

Waterbury, July 22.—Dayton E. Ashley, a former resident of Waterbury, has just been arrested in Dover, N. H., charged with the crime of bigamy. He was brought into the Dover municipal court, and in default of bail which he could not furnish was committed until the September term of court.

It appears from the evidence that Ashley came from this place leaving behind him a wife, formerly Jennie M. Dillingham, and three children. He went to Milo, N. H., last spring, having previously to that time worked on a railroad, it is said. While at Milo he succumbed to the charms of Miss Mae E. Hall, of Wellington, and was married to her April last. It is not known whether their married life was a happy one, but it appears that Dayton became careless and left a letter received from his mother in this town, which revealed the true state of affairs. Mrs. Ashley No. 2 came across this letter a few days ago while going through his pockets during his absence and she immediately consulted a lawyer, and caused his arrest, as above stated.

WALLS BUCKLED.

Partial Collapse of Brick Tenement Building at Fall River.

Fall River, Mass., July 21.—The occupants of a two-story brick building on Third street, owned by the N. J. Borden heirs, were driven into the street last night by the partial collapse of the structure. The walls buckled and the floors gave way to some extent. The ground floor was used as a bicycle repair shop, while four colored people lived on the first floor.

The collapse came without the slightest warning, and the terrified occupants rushed into the streets, expecting that the entire structure was about to give way. Late when it was found that the building still remained standing, they removed their furniture.

The city building inspector will make an examination of the building to ascertain the cause of the collapse.

FOUR YEARS FOR ONE CENT.

Adriel L. Stuart of Freedom Gets Smallest Treasury Warrant.

Washington, July 22.—The postoffice department yesterday issued a warrant in favor of Adriel L. Stuart of Freedom, N. H., in the sum of 1 cent. This is Stuart's pay for carrying the mails for four years between July 1, 1901, and June 30, 1905, from Freedom to a railway station 7 1/2 miles away. He travels this distance of 15 1/2 miles six times a week. His pay is a quarter of a cent a year, or 1-312th part of 1 cent for one trip. This is the smallest treasury warrant ever issued, and Stuart will have it framed instead of cashed. He bid this low figure because of the prestige which the sign "U. S. Mail" on his wagon gives him in his passenger carrying business.

SEEKING LABOR FOR CANAL

Steps Are Being Taken by the Commission

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2,000 Each Chinese, Japanese and Italians—From 75 Cents to \$1.50 a Day the Probable Wages.

Washington, July 22.—The first attempt to get laborers in large numbers for the construction of the Panama canal will be made today, when bids will be asked for 2,000 each of Chinese, Japanese, and Italian laborers.

Those who compete for furnishing them must submit bids first as to the amount per day for which the laborers of a certain nationality will work, and also bids stating the amount the government will be required to pay to get the laborers on the isthmus.

The price will likely vary from 75 cents to \$1.50 a day. The bids will be opened Aug. 15.

GROUND TO PREVENT PANIC.

New York Excursion Steamer Deliberately Run Ashore.

New York, July 22.—The excursion steamer Sirius was deliberately run aground off North Brother Island yesterday to avoid a panic among her thousand passengers and a possible repetition of the Slocum disaster. The Sirius, carrying a Sunday school picnic, stove in her side on a rock near the very spot where the Slocum burned last year. Although Captain Pearce did not believe his ship would sink, he ran her aground with all possible despatch and emptied the crowded decks with the aid of small boats. Another boat took the excursionists to their picnic grounds, and tugs were sent to the disabled Sirius.



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SULTAN'S LIFE ATTEMPTED.

Turkey's Ruler Was Near Death Yesterday.

Sofia, Bulgaria, July 22.—It is reported here officially from Constantinople that during yesterday's Selamluk an attempt was made to assassinate the sultan.

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